

Valley of the Moon Amateur Radio Club WIRELESS



FRANKLY SPEAKING

This month we had our National Parks on the Air activation of SS-10 at Pt Reyes Nation Seashore. It was fun! We setup 2 stations in the parking lot where Drake Bay Oyster Co. used to be and used simple antennas. Calling was a bit slow, but when we would get spotted on the cluster, the activity picked up pretty well. I think we made just over 150 contacts. There is a lot of interest in this program and I think many are eager to try it again. This month we'll have a short showing of the pictures of the activation.



This last few weeks Heard Island and Juan De Nova Island have been on. They're QRT now and together they made about 180,000 contacts between them. Both were very

tough from the west coast, especially Heard Island as weather didn't allow them to move to an alternate location specifically for the western US.

Visalia DX Convention is this weekend and there is usually new expeditions announce while there, several dxpedition leaders have let loose that announcement of rare ones are coming.

Until then, keep your amps tuned and your aerials resonant.

—Frank KG6N

NEXT MEETING

Wed, April 20, 2016, 7:30pm
City of Sonoma EOC

MINUTES, March 16, 2016

Called to order promptly at 7:30 PM by our illustrious president KG6N

KD6FIL (Dave), NJ6E (Stan), KJ6QIQ (Scott), N6TVN (Carl), KG6N (Frank), K6UUW (Jim), KG6QNT (Eileen), WA6CRB (Dan), KF6FZM (Dick), KA2QQO (Declan), W1EJ (Ed), KA5WSS (Robert), WB6TMH (Mike), N7PIB (San), K6KLL (Alan), WD6BOR (Darrel)

Welcome from the President.

Minutes: Minutes approved as written!

Officer Announcements

President: KG6N - N6P will be coming up in August.

Vice President: KJ6QIQ - Scott has been working National Parks on the Air and it has been a lot of fun working pile ups. Scott signed up for Logbook of the World and it is complicated. You need LOTW to get credit for working NPOTA. The best information is videos from NV9L (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qzgHKwI0GFU>). KG6N said that Club Log is much more user friendly, but it does not count for NPOTA.

Treasurer: KG6QNT - we have \$4500.17 in the bank and picked up some more dues today.

Secretary: KD6FIL- Submitted the insurance to the vets building for stage Hamfest on April 30.

ACS: Dan Ethan WA6CRB discussed the Potential Weekend Activation due to flooding on the River. 25 people signed up for deployment. There is a Level One training on April 2.

Radio Officer did not have any updates.

Old business:

NPOTA – W1EJ went and checked Muir Woods, but it does not have a good location to operate. The site is in a canyon. Point Reyes looks good at the old Oyster Farm. The parking is good and most importantly, there is a bathroom! We will try and set this up for some Saturday.

N6P- Coming up in August. KG6N is working on it.

Hamfest on April 30. We need workers! Please sign up for jobs. NJ6E had a handout for people who want to sell items on the club swap table. Items need to be labeled and a form filled out giving the asking and the take price. Breakfast shift starts at 7 AM. Darrel is going to check with the ARRL about amateur radio information handouts.

Field Day will be at the Sky Park again this year on June 25 and 26. RedEx is going 3A.

New Business:

Steve Marler, KD6KVY is a silent key. His obituary was in the newspaper. There was a BBQ at the Fire Station on March 19. There was a motion made, seconded and approved to donate \$100 to a scholarship in Steve's name.

Loomis Hamfest had a 5:30 AM departure on March 12. NJ6E bought 2 radios. (Things were slow).

KA5WSS (Robert) was the lucky recipient of the mystery box.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 PM.

—Submitted by Dave KD6FIL

First-Ever D-STAR Satellite to Launch

The first-ever satellite to carry a D-STAR (Digital Smart Technologies for Amateur Radio) Amateur Radio payload into space is expected to launch on April 22 from Guiana. The [OUFTI-1](#) (Orbital Utility For Telecommunication Innovations) CubeSat is one of three CubeSats developed by student teams under the European Space Agency ([ESA](#)) Education Office "[Fly Your Satellite!](#)" program, which is aimed at training the next generation of aerospace professionals. The satellites arrived in South America on March 25, followed by the student teams a few days later.

(from ARRL Newsletter)

—Submitted by Jim K6UUW

"ARRL The Doctor is In" Podcast Guide Now Available

ARRL has posted a new guide, "[Find a 'Doctor' Near You](#)" to help "ARRL The Doctor is In" visitors to locate, download, and enjoy the popular podcast. The inaugural episode on HF Verticals remains available. "ARRL The Doctor is In" is sponsored by [DX Engineering](#).

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"Does CW Really Get Through When Nothing Else Can?" will be the topic of the next "ARRL The Doctor is In" audio podcast, available on April 21.

(from ARRL Newsletter)

—Submitted by Jim K6UUW

Iran DXpedition Set: If you missed out on the EP6T DXpedition last year, another is expected on the air from Iran April 16-25.

The [EP2A](#) operation, headed by Yuris

Petersons, YL2GM, initially was planned for last fall, but the paperwork reportedly took longer than expected. Others on the [team](#) include YL3CW, YL2KA, UT7UJ, US7UX, UT7UV, UX0LL, EP3MIR, and EP2LMA. EP2A plans to be on all bands 160 to 6 meters (excepting 60 meters). EP2A will be running high power and appears to be well equipped for antennas.

—Submitted by Jim K6UUW

Mike Fright At Point Reyes?



—Photo submitted by Dave KD6FIL

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“Receipt of the Wireless is one of the most sought after benefits of membership in VOMARC.”—S. Marler

CLUB MEETINGS are held on the third Wednesday of each month at the City of Sonoma Police Department EOC 175 1st St West. Meetings start at 19:30 local (7:30 P.M.).

WEB PAGE: <http://www.vomarc.org/>

Nets are held every Wednesday night at 19:30 (7:30 P.M.) local, except meeting nights on the 145.350 repeater, -600 kHz, PL 88.5 Hz.

ACS holds a net each Monday evening at 19:30 local on the 146.205, +600, PL 88.5 Hz repeater.

PACKET STATION INFO: The VOMARC packet station is off the air until further notice.

CLUB BREAKFASTS are held on the first Saturday of each month at Palms Grill (formerly Issa's) Restaurant, 18999 Sonoma Highway, Sonoma. The fun starts at 09:30 local.

Comments and submissions of material may be sent to:

Eileen@vom.com

—or—

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**2016 ACS
Net Control Assignments**

	Name	Call
JANUARY	MOE	KI6JNU
FEBRUARY	SCOTT	KJ6QIQ
MARCH	SCOTT	KJ6QIQ
APRIL	JIM	K6UUW
MAY	DICK	KF6FZM
JUNE	MOE	KI6JNU
JULY	KEN	N6KN
AUGUST	GILL	KJ6EIG
SEPTEMBER	SAM	W5LTP
OCTOBER	DICK	FK6FZM
NOVEMBER	MIKE	WB6TMH
DECEMBER	DARREL	WD6BOR

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APRIL	DAVE	KD6FIL
MAY	ED	W1EJ
JUNE	FRANK	KG6N
JULY	MOE	KI6JNU
AUGUST		
SEPTEMBER	SAM	W5LTP
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NOVEMBER	MIKE	WB6TMH
DECEMBER	DARREL	WD6BOR

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE THE APRIL 20, 2016, 7:30PM, CITY OF SONOMA EOC, SONOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT, 175 1ST ST WEST, SONOMA CA 95476

SEE YOU THERE.

VOMARC MEMBERSHIP 2016

Membership Dues: \$15/year individual; \$5/year family member at same address.

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Dues may be mailed to VOMARC in care of the Sonoma Police Department, 175 1st St West, CA 95476, or brought to the next meeting.

Your check should be made payable to: **VOMARC.**